advances aggregating Rs. 5 lakhs granted to all categories of affected persons. This concessional rate of interest was allowed for a period of 3 to 5 years for working capital finance and upto 7 years for term loans. The above concessionality in the interest rate has been extended as a very special case in view of the extra-ordinary circumstances prevailing in November, 1984 and such concessions have not been extended in cases of riots|disturbances which occured subsequently. The resources of banks comprise mainly of deposits raised from the public on which banks have to pay interest and have also to meet their establishment expenditures. As granting of further concession is likely to affect the overall financial position of the banks, Reserve Bank of India is not in favour of any further concessions, such as, waiver of bank loans and interest thereon granted to the riot victims for their rehabilitation.

World Bank Loans

2096. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has been the largest World Bank Borrower; and

(b) if so, at what level the Indian debt from World Bank stands at present indicating the total amount of loans so far taken from World Bank and the payment so far made against such loans indicating the content of debt service charges and the interest on the loans?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Till 30th June, 1989 drawals from the World Bank Group (IBRD and IDA) have been $ 18297.97 million. Of this amount, $ 1596.0 million has been repaid. Debt servicing including interest charges amounted to $ 2905.05 million.

Aid India Consortium Meet

2097. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Aid India Consortium met on 19th|20th June, 1989 to determine the extent of World Bank aid to be extended to India during the current year and also during the 8th Five Year Plan Period; and

(b) if so, what was the nature of the proposals made to the World Bank by Government in this regard and how far World Bank aid has been recommended by the Consortium and on what terms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) The annual Aid India Consortium Meeting was held in Paris on June 19-20, 1989 to discuss and determine the aid to be extended to India during 1989-90.

(b) It is not the practice for Government of India to make a specific request in terms of a precise figure aid as the India Consortium is a group set up at the initiative of the World Bank to consider availability of aid to India in the context of the country's requirements. The aid pledges indicated at the meeting total to about US $ 6.7 billion for 1989-90. The terms and conditions of such aid will be determined only after aid negotiations are finalized with each doner agency during the course of the year.

Poaching of Wildlife

2098. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that poaching of wildlife is still going on in the country;

(b) if so, the names of the different wildlife reserves and the States where such incidents are taking place; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to stop poaching altogether?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SMT. SUMATI ORAON): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and would be placed on the Table of the House.

(c) Major steps taken by Government to reduce the incidence of poaching are as follows:—

(i) Hunting and trade in respect of endangered and rare species of wild animals is banned. Hunting of other species of wild animals is regulated under the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

(ii) Assistance is provided to State Governments under a centrally sponsored scheme for development of infrastructure to apprehend poachers and illicit traders.

(iii) Scheme of cash rewards for providing information about poachers and illegal traders is being implemented.

(iv) Better coordination has been established at the State level between police and wildlife officials and at the Centre with officials of Customs Department and Directorate of Revenue Intelligence.

(v) International trade in respect of wild animals and products derived therefrom is strictly regulated with reference to provision given in Export Policy and Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of wild fauna and flora (CITES).

Export of Iron Ore from Paradeep Port

2099. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of iron ore exported through Paradeep Port to different countries during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether Government have a proposal to increase the export of iron ore during the current financial year ;

(c) if so, the total tonnes of iron ore proposed to be exported through Paradeep Port to different countries in 1989-90 financial year; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) The total quantity of iron ore exported through Paradeep Port to different countries during the last three years, year-wise, was as under—

(Qty. in lakh WMT)

Year	Quantity
1986-87	20.80
1987-88	17.09
1988-89	16.39

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) MMTC the sole agency exporting iron ore through Paradeep Port, has so far concluded contracts for export of 19.75 lakh tonnes of iron ore through this Port during 1989-90 to Japan, Romania, GDR, China, DPRK and Middle East.

Tempering of Taxi and TSR Meters in Delhi

2100. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of large scale tampering of taxi and TSR-meters in Delhi, has come to Government's notice;

(b) if so, the number of such cases registered during each quarter of 1988 and 1989 so far; and

(c) what steps have been taken to effectively prevent such exploition of public by TSR and taxi drivers?